

A scheme for establishing an uniformity in the service, Discipline, exercise, manoeuvres & formation of troops in the armies of the united states.

An Inspector Genl. of the army is to be appointed, & vested with sufficient power & authority, in order to attend to the following objects

- 1st The Inspr. Genl. is to establish an uniformity in the exercise & manoeuvres of the troops for that & other purposes of the inspection, five Colonels are to be appointed Inspectors under him. Besides, an Intelligent ^{field} officer, will be chosen out of each ~~Brigade~~ ^{to his own Brigade} to act as Brigade-Inspector. The Inspr. G. will always give his instructions in writing, to the Inspectors, & these the Brigade-Inspectors, & will perform first, with the company of the guard the evolutions & manoeuvres which are to be introduced in the army.
2. The Inspr. Genl. will give to every Inspr. a certain number of Brigades, in which he will take care that every thing is introduced & performed uniformly.
3. The Inspr. G. will visit every day, himself a certain number of Brigades, & see that his instructions are fully executed.
4. Before introducing any new thing the Inspr. G. is to propose it to the Commander in chief & the Board of war, for their approbation. But as in the present situation several instructions must be put into execution without delay, he will report them to the Board of war. If in case the object is found incompatible with the nature of the service, or for other reasons, not approved of by the Board, he will alter or modify it according as shall be ordered at him by the Board.
5. As we draw near the opening of the campaign the Inspr. G. will introduce the most indispensable things, such as the formation of troops, the march & movements of battalions, without ~~but~~ giving any time to the manual exercise, & other stationary principles which must be postponed untill a more convenient time

6. The manœuvres to be introduced must be as simple as possible the chief objects are for the officers to know how to lead their platoons & keep them men together, for the soldiers to keep their rank & file in all situations, & that all manœuvres, be performed with an natural easy & equal step, in the greatest silence.

7. No other exercise or manœuvres must be made up of but those directed by the Inspr. Genl.

8. The Inspr. Genl. is to take care that the service of the garrison & Riquets is performed with exactitude & uniformity.

9. The discipline of the army, & every particular relative to camp duties, will be within the Province of the Inspr. Genl. therefore, the Inspector Genl. & Inspectors, ~~the Inspr. Genl.~~ are to be considered as the officers of the day perpetual, in the whole army, & the Brigade-Inspectors as such, by their own Brigade.

10. The Inspr. Genl. ^{or Inspr.} will review the troops, with the consent of the commander in chief: these reviews will take place, twice running at the opening of the campaign, once a month during the campaign & twice at the end of the campaign. The heads of regiments at each review will give an exact return, of all their soldiers, effective, absent, sick, wounded, deserted, dead, &c. to the Inspr. Genl. who is to transmit it to the Commander in chief & the Board of war.

11. the Colonels will present likewise to the Inspr. Genl. or Inspr. an exact return of the number & condition of their arms & clothing, baggage & camp &c. to be transmitted likewise to the commander in chief & the Board of war.

12. at each review, the Inspr. Genl. or Inspr. will examine the soldiers, one after the other, their arms, accoutrements, &c.; he will inquire whether the soldiers have any complaints to make, if they were faithfully supplied with what is granted them by the State; if they are neglected or ill used by their officers, & will make his report in consequence to the Commander in chief & the Board of war.

13. at each review, the Commandants of regiments, will give to the Inspr. Genl. ^{or Inspr.} a list of
behaviour.

of the officers of their regiments nearly in the following manner
No. 2. very careful in the service, 3. distinguished in such an action
3. a very sober & well behaved officer, 4. intelligent, with a military
5. speaks French, or German - &c. that list must be
signed by all the field officers of every regiment, in order to
avoid impartiality.

14 The instructions given by the Jussé Genl. confirmed by the
Commander in chief, & approved of by the board of war,
must be duly attended to, & strictly followed & executed, until
the board of war ^{may be pleased to} frame ^{another} set of regulations,
& no officer of what rank or rank, is to act contrary to these
instructions

15 The Brigade-Inspectors will be chosen from the respective
Brigades, by the Commander in chief; they will follow the
instructions of the Jussé Genl., & take care that they are
executed, with exactness & uniformity... they will be free
from the service of line, except of detachments going out upon
some expeditions.

16 Neither the Jussé Genl. nor any inspector of another detached
army, shall be authorised to give a general order, without having
previously communicated it to the Commander in chief, for
his approbation.

17 The service of the Cavalry & light infantry troops being
different from that of the infantry of the line, in order
to establish an uniformity for the discipline & service of the
guard, &c. it will be necessary to fix upon a
good officer of Cavalry to act as an Inspector in that branch
of the army; he will receive from the Jussé Genl. the
necessary instructions for the discharge of that office, & he
will likewise give him an account of all the particulars
relative to the discipline, reviews &c. of the Cavalry.

18 The Jussé Genl. will likewise choose an intelligent
officer, as an Inspector, to introduce the same uniformity
in the light troops.

19 The reviews of the Cavalry or light troops will be made

by the Jm^y? Gen^l or a Jm^y? nominated by him, & the
Commanding officers of the Land Corps, will give the same
awards & returns, as the Colonels of Infantry.

20 In proposition as the Jm^y? Gen^l with the approbation of
the Command^r in chief & the Board of war, finds it
necessary to introduce any the new regulations, they must be
sent to the officers inspecting the other armies of the
United States, in order to preserve as much as possible
uniformity.

21 when Circumstances will permit, & that all the instructions
hitherto given by the Jm^y? Gen^l can be collected, read over, &
corrected, & approved of by Congress, they may be printed
& form a complete Code of regulations.

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L^y. Col. in the American
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The last minister of Louis XV.
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